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REMARKS

Claims 1-12 stand rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,592,556 (Schwed). This rejection is respectfully traversed. The claims are amended to correct minor errors in claims 5 and 9.

New claims 13-24 have been added that are specifically directed to a video interface and method for making video interface devices. Schwed is directed to a digital radio with voice encoding encryption. Schwed has no disclosure related to video encryption; the word video is not even contained in the Schwed patent. Accordingly, for this reason alone, new claims 13-24 patentably define over Schwed.

Moreover, Schwed does not anticipate original claims 1-12. In particular, Schwed does not disclose or suggest the last element of claim 1, namely:

 said specific write-protectable area being rendered read-only when a predetermined flag value is stored at said flag address whereby encryption key data may be stored in said specific area of said non-volatile RAM in connection with storing said predetermined flag value at said flag address such that stored encryption data cannot be altered by a subsequent write operation to said non-volatile RAM.

Schwed, col. 7, does disclose a "program RAM portion 140a" which is available for user encryption routines, but there is no write-protect enablement of that user available area as required claim 1. Similarly, the

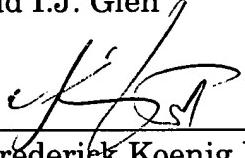
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allocating of a specific addressable area for an encryption key flag and data and related step of making that area read only when the flag is set is not disclosed or suggested by Schwed.

For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the presently claimed invention is patentable over the prior art. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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